

# COOPERATION & NETWORK SUPPORT UNITS (NSU's)

## WHAT WE OFFER?

### ✓ **Online assistance with partner search & technical support**

Online information for cooperation providing practical and administrative resources to LAGs including access to **Partner Search Request Form; Preparatory Technical Support Template** and direct link to **ENRD (European Network for Rural Development) Cooperation Offers**.

Visit: [www.ruralnetworkni.org.uk](http://www.ruralnetworkni.org.uk)      [www.nationalruralnetwork.ie](http://www.nationalruralnetwork.ie)

### ✓ **Study or Exchange visits**

Study and exchange visits can enable LAGs to create better links with each other & develop closer working relationships for cooperation. Your NSU can help to identify potential study visit opportunities and help facilitate the planning of exchange visits. Please note the LAG is responsible for any costs associated with individual study or exchange visits.

### ✓ **Organisation of events**

Cooperation events can be organised at various levels. Cooperation events can give LAGs the opportunity to find potential partners with similar interests and project ideas. Events, workshops and seminars are an integral part of each NSU work plan.

### ✓ **Guidance documents, studies and publications**

Guidance documents can be accessed online at each Network website (address above). A **Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) section** is also maintained. Cooperation guides and studies developed during the course of the programme will be added to each website. To access previous publications and useful documents visit [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader-clld/cooperation\\_en](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader-clld/cooperation_en)

### ✓ **Facilitating exchanges, technical meetings and capacity building**

Exchange of experience, information and discussion among key stakeholders can help to overcome any challenges and maximise the potential cooperation opportunities that exist. These exchanges can take many forms including peer to peer training; technical meetings and support to develop project concepts or prioritisation of tasks. LAGs can submit requests for support under specific themes or areas of interest to their NSU for consideration.

### ✓ **Cooperation contact point**

The NSU appointed Cooperation Contact point for Northern Ireland is:  
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